

## Alzheimer's disease growth: U.S. will see average 44 percent increase in Alzheimer's disease by 2025

The United States will see a 44 percent increase in individuals with Alzheimer's disease by 2025, with the Western and Southeastern states to be hit the hardest.

The study, "State-Specific Projections Through 2025 of Alzheimer Disease Prevalence," published in the May 11 issue of *Neurology*, reinforces findings from previous studies showing that the United States will face a devastating blow from Alzheimer's disease unless science finds a way to slow the progression of the disease or prevent it.

According to U.S. Census data, the size of the older population (65 and older) will double over the next 25 years, growing to 70 million by 2030 when the youngest of the post-World War II baby boomers will be more than 65 years old. Because age is a known risk factor for Alzheimer's, the United States could realize a 70 percent increase in the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease, with an estimated 7.7 million people affected.

Alzheimer's disease poses perhaps the greatest threat to our healthcare system – but it doesn't have to be that way. With proper funding, the Alzheimer's Association goal of delaying the disabling symptoms and eventually preventing Alzheimer's appears to be a feasible scientific objective that the research community can achieve in the next decade.

As the world leader in Alzheimer research and support, the Alzheimer's Association can provide experts to answer questions about the potential growth of Alzheimer's disease. Experts can also discuss the progress that has been made in the past 15 years through the combined efforts of the National Institute on Aging, the Alzheimer's Disease Centers, universities and pharmaceutical companies in understanding how the brain changes as we age.

### Highlights from the study on state-by-state projections

**The greatest increase in cases of Alzheimer's disease will occur in the Western region of the country.** Six states in the West will see their total number of cases of Alzheimer's disease at least double between 2000 and 2025. This is due to low total population sizes and the high growth of the older population overall.

- Utah – 127 percent increase
- Alaska – 126 percent increase
- Colorado – 124 percent increase
- Wyoming – 114 percent increase
- Nevada – 100 percent increase
- Idaho – 100 percent increase

**The three largest states in the country will continue to have the greatest total number of cases and will also experience significant growth rates.**

- Texas – 74 percent increase
- Florida – 64 percent increase
- California – 50 percent increase

**Only two states and the District of Columbia will not see an increase in prevalence of Alzheimer's disease.**

This is due in part to the slower growth rates of the older population in these areas.

- District of Columbia
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island

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## State-by-state growth of Alzheimer's disease (2000 – 2025)

State	Total 2000	Total 2025	% Increase
Alabama	84,000	110,000	31%
Alaska	3,400	7,700	126%
Arizona	78,000	130,000	67%
Arkansas	56,000	76,000	36%
California	440,000	660,000	50%
Colorado	49,000	110,000	124%
Connecticut	68,000	76,000	12%
Delaware	12,000	16,000	33%
District of Columbia	10,000	10,000	0%
Florida	360,000	590,000	64%
Georgia	110,000	160,000	45%
Hawaii	23,000	34,000	48%
Idaho	19,000	38,000	100%
Illinois	210,000	239,000	14%
Indiana	100,000	130,000	30%
Iowa	65,000	77,000	18%
Kansas	50,000	62,000	24%
Kentucky	74,000	97,000	31%
Louisiana	73,000	100,000	37%
Maine	25,000	28,000	12%
Maryland	78,000	100,000	28%
Massachusetts	120,000	140,000	17%
Michigan	170,000	190,000	12%
Minnesota	88,000	110,000	25%
Mississippi	51,000	65,000	27%
Missouri	110,000	130,000	18%
Montana	16,000	29,000	81%
Nebraska	33,000	44,000	33%
Nevada	21,000	42,000	100%
New Hampshire	19,000	26,000	37%

State	Total 2000	Total 2025	% Increase
New Jersey	150,000	170,000	13%
New Mexico	27,000	43,000	59%
New York	330,000	350,000	6%
North Carolina	130,000	211,000	62%
North Dakota	16,000	20,000	25%
Ohio	200,000	250,000	25%
Oklahoma	62,000	96,000	55%
Oregon	57,000	110,000	93%
Pennsylvania	280,000	280,000	0%
Rhode Island	24,000	24,000	0%
South Carolina	67,000	100,000	49%
South Dakota	17,000	21,000	24%
Tennessee	100,000	140,000	40%
Texas	270,000	470,000	74%
Utah	22,000	50,000	127%
Vermont	10,000	13,000	30%
Virginia	100,000	160,000	60%
Washington	83,000	150,000	81%
West Virginia	40,000	50,000	25%
Wisconsin	100,000	130,000	30%
Wyoming	7,000	15,000	114%

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